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Notification of Reason for Rejection

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Patent Application No. 2000-604550

The above mentioned application is considered to be subject to rejection on the grounds set out hereunder. If the applicant has anything to say, he should file an argument within three months from the date of dispatch of this document.

Ground

The invention under the present application is considered to have been easy to invent for those skilled in the art on the basis of the invention described in the following publication which was circulated in Japan prior to the present application and, therefore, it is considered unpatentable in view of the provisions of Article 29, Para. 2 of the Patent Law.

Reference No. 1: U.S. Patent No. 5617412 Specification

Reference No. 2: Japanese Patent Application Public Disclosure No. 4-373320

(1) Regarding the claims 1 to 4 now on file, the above Reference Nos. 1 and 2 disclose that in communication between a central station and substations, frequencies and time periods in uplink and downlink are different.

Therefore, the inventions as defined in the claims 1 to 4 are considered to be only a matter easily thought of by those skilled in the art on the basis of the disclosures in the cited references.

(2) Regarding the claims 5 to 9 now on file, a GSM mobile communication system, a UMTS mobile communication system, a broadband data transmission system, a LMDS system and a HiperAccess system all are considered to be a publicly well-known radio link system. Therefore, application of one disclosed in the Reference No. 1 or No. 2 to a publicly well-known radio link system such as a GSM mobile communication system, a UMTS mobile communication system, a broadband data transmission system, a LMDS system and a HiperAccess system is considered not to constitute any inventive step.

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Accordingly, the inventions as defined in the claims 5 to 9 are considered to be only a matter easily thought of by those skilled in the art on the basis of the disclosures in the cited references.